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Employment in Jackson County: June 2026

Payroll Employment Rises Slightly Over the Year

Total payroll employment in Jackson County climbed by 280 jobs in June. Employment gains were estimated in leisure and hospitality (+300); construction (+70); and health care and social assistance (+50). The broader industry sector of private education and health services shed 100 jobs in June, reflecting seasonally typical declines in private educational services. Government employment fell by 30 jobs in June with a slight gain in state government (+10) offset by a loss of 40 jobs in local government, mostly due to seasonally expected losses in local government education.

Over the past year, payroll employment in the Medford MSA (Jackson County) rose by 330 jobs, for a gain of 0.4%. Private education and health services posted the largest gain, adding 1,240 jobs. Job growth was also estimated in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+250); other services (+120); and leisure and hospitality (+30). Industries showing job declines since June 2025 included manufacturing (-270); professional and business services (-220); construction (-140); retail trade (-80); and information (-50). Government employment declined by 480 jobs over the year. Losses were posted in local government education (-370), and federal government (-130).

Jackson County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 5.7% in June, little changed from May and the same as the year ago rate of 5.7% in June 2025.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Aug. 25th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for July on Wednesday, Aug. 19th.

Notes:

The Oregon Employment Department and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) work cooperatively to develop and publish monthly payroll employment and labor force data for Oregon's metropolitan areas and counties. The estimates of monthly job gains and losses are based on a survey of businesses. The estimates of unemployment are based on a survey of households and other sources.

The Oregon Employment Department payroll employment estimates are revised quarterly using information from unemployment insurance tax records. All department publications use data from this *official Oregon series* unless noted. These preliminary estimates of jobs and other labor force data are produced in cooperation with the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, are based largely on a survey of businesses and a survey of households, and are subject to later revision.

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Medford-Ashland MSA (Jackson County) Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2026	May 2026	June 2025	May 2026	June 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	109,233	108,055	107,967	1,178	1,266
Unemployed	6,650	5,643	6,269	1,007	381
Unemployment rate	6.1%	5.2%	5.8%	0.9	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.7%</i>	<i>5.6%</i>	<i>5.7%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.0</i>
Employed	102,583	102,412	101,698	171	885
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	91,290	91,010	90,960	280	330
Total private	79,670	79,360	78,860	310	810
Mining, logging, and construction	5,720	5,650	5,900	70	-180
Mining and logging	420	420	460	0	-40
Construction	5,300	5,230	5,440	70	-140
Manufacturing	6,410	6,420	6,680	-10	-270
Trade, transportation, and utilities	18,950	18,940	18,800	10	150
Wholesale trade	2,600	2,590	2,620	10	-20
Retail trade	12,520	12,510	12,600	10	-80
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,830	3,840	3,580	-10	250
Information	870	870	920	0	-50
Financial activities	3,530	3,510	3,540	20	-10
Professional and business services	7,990	7,960	8,210	30	-220
Private education and health services	22,020	22,120	20,780	-100	1,240
Health care and social assistance	21,210	21,160	19,820	50	1,390
Leisure and hospitality	11,370	11,070	11,340	300	30
Accommodation and food services	9,340	9,150	9,470	190	-130
Other services	2,810	2,820	2,690	-10	120
Government	11,620	11,650	12,100	-30	-480
Federal government	1,760	1,760	1,890	0	-130
State government	1,330	1,320	1,320	10	10
State education	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Local government	8,530	8,570	8,890	-40	-360
Local education	5,170	5,250	5,540	-80	-370

The most recent month is preliminary, the prior month is revised. Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence.

Employed includes payroll employment, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, agriculture, and labor disputants.

Unemployment rate is calculated by dividing unemployed by civilian labor force.

Nonfarm Payroll Employment: Official Oregon Series. Data are by place of work and cover full- and part-time employees who worked or received pay for the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers, unpaid family workers, and domestics.

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